(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The highlights of the exhibition include a display of calligraphic work from all parts of the world. It is divided into eight principal sections. These include exhibits and sound which show the transference of sound into letter writing; the evolution of primitive scripts such as those of prehistoric man in Bhimbetka, American Indians, Hieroglyphs and Cuneifodm. One section is devoted to the evolution of Indian scripts from the Indus Valley to Indian languages. Another section includes calligraphic examples from Siddham and Tibetan and yet another on Arabic-Perso and on South East Asian and Roman scripts. The exhibition also highlights the technology of handwriting in relation to modern tools and needs and the interconnections between Calligraphy and typography, computography, painting, musical notations.

(c) No, Sir. This is for the Centre to decide whether it will organise similar exhibition in other parts of the country. IGNCA is a Registered Trust.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

India's efforts for the replacement of existing nuclear non-proliferation Treaty

3240. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has recently called upon UN Member nations to replace the existing Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to make its stand apprised to each member country in the right perspective;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) At the Third Special Session of the UN General Assembly devoted to Disarmament (SSBD-III), May-June 1988, India presented an Action Plan for ushering in a Nuclear-weapons-free and Non violent World Order. The Plan proposes, inter alia, that negotiations commence for a new Treaty to replace the existing nuclear non-proliferation treaty, which lapses in 1995, unless extended. The new treaty would give legal effect to a binding commitment, on the part of the entire international community, to eliminate all nuclear weapons by the year 2010, as proposed in the Action Plan.

(c) and (d) The Action Plan was presented to the international community at the Third Special Session on Disarmament of the UN General Assembly. The ideas contained in the Action Plan are being further canvassed in appropriate multilateral fora and in bilateral exchanges with other countries.

(e) Does not arise.

Relations between India and Kampuchea

3241. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kampuchean Prime Minister had visited India recently;

(b) if so, what are details of issues discussed with him;

(c) whether the discussions have strengthened bilateral relations between the two countries;

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(e) whether certain areas of trade were also discussed; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. Prime Minister of Kampuchea, HE Mr. Hun Sen visited New Delhi from 16th to 17th November, 1988.

(b) Mr. Hun Sen, the Prime Minister of Kampuchea had official talks with the Prime Minister and called on the President. He also met the Minister of External Affairs, Shri P. V. Narasimha Rao, and the Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs, Shri K. Natwar Singh. The talks related to recent developments on the Kampuchean issue, following Premier Hun Sen's talks in Paris with Prince Sihanouk and Son Sann. Bilateral matters were also discussed.

(c) to (f) Yes, Sir. Proposals for further economic and commercial cooperation were considered.

Alleged discourtesy to Mr. Wole Soyinka

3242. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no representative, either from the Ministry or the Nehru Memorial Fund, was present at the Delhi Airport to receive the Nobel Leureates, Mr. Wole Syinka who was invited to deliver this year's Nehru Memorial Lactures and he had to make his own arrangements; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this lapse and what action has been taken by Government against those responsible for the discourtesy shown to the guest?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) The representatives of the Ministry of External Affairs were present at the airport to receive Prof. Wole Soyinka. However, due to change of flight of which he did not intimated he could not be received at the airport.

Immediately after his arrival, Prof. Soyinka was contacted and all courtesies and facilities were extended to him. He expressed his appreciation in this regard.

Batote-Kishtwar National Highway

3243. SHRI DHARAM PAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total estimated expenditure on Batote-Kishtwar National Highway in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) what is the expenditure incurred on this road upto the end of October, 1988;

(c) whether Government propose to enquire into the allegations of misappropriation and bunglings in execution of work on the said road; and

(d) whether Government propose to take up the execution of the work on this road, in view of the complaints of misappropriation of funds and inordinate delay in completion thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Against the estimated cost of construction of about Rs. 37 crores, an expenditure of Rs. 29.608 crores has been reported ending October, 1988.